CHAPTER XIII. Continued.

Anu, meanwhile, the morning came out and dried the roadways. The dust began to blow about. Trurists and summer visitors stay-

Gertrude had not thought of her own reminded her of the necessity sel to-day." of getting it passed through the douane, ready to carry off with her off, she would not run it.

While she was standing on the edge of the quay, cogitating, she to her troubles like a human being. gradually became aware of a new discomfort. For some time past she had noticed without much heeding, in the afternoon. She was not of a an elderly Frenchman, evidently a gentleman, loitering near her. She had not wasted a thought upon him, but now, turning round suddenly, she was quite startled to find him her troubles, of this brief and standing close beside her, eyeing her with that bold, admiring glance which is either ridiculous or revolting to a woman, according to her mood at the moment; and it then occurred to her that she herself was the object of his attentions. For a moment she was afraid he was going to speak to her, and involuntarily she looked round for a protector. The officer ter under our troubles if we cultito whom she had addressed herself vated a cheerful frame of mind as a self-it was indeed "la vie des miserwas standing just above her, leaning over the bulwarks, evidently watching the little scene below. Gertrude's wits were sharpened by the emergency. The young man had a pleasant face, and there was something in groups of well-dressed people who her admiringly and without bitterness It at the moment which seemed to indicate all an Englishman's objection to allow a countrywoman to be insulted, especially by a foreigner.

"Do come to me!" Gertrude exstanding beside her on the quay.

young Briton, withdrew scowling. "I was afraid he was going to speak to me," Gertrude said.

denying the necessity.

"It is dreadful waiting here," poor Gertrude complained, with a sort of

"Then why do you wait?" he an-

of his class. "I am waiting for my husband." "Yes, but why not wait at a hotel, and leave word where you've gone to? This is no place for a girl-let alone a lady," he added.

"My husband might not come to me," she answered, despondingly. "Have you quarreled?" he asked, without delicacy.

"No," she replied, then looked at

him. His manners were unpolished. and he was rather common, not at all a gentleman, in fact, but he had steam ferryboats pick up passengers a good, honest English face, and her woman's insight urged her to trust him. She was screly in need of help, and here probably was just what she porteurs to the quay. The prospect wanted. "I am in great trouble," she said, looking up at the young man her heart bound. Just to see him appealingly. "My husband is out of again, just to be near him, even if suffering from the effects of over- She fancied she saw the steamer work, and will soon recover, the doc-tor says; but he is a well-known man, The porteur put her things down on into the papers. He would never be vided her with some French money, he has every chance of the next va- self in a fix; but as it was, she paid cancy. That is why we are so anx- the man what he asked on the spot, could only help me to find him!"

bluntly. "And I'm glad you told me, why, but by and by when the steamer for when you weren't sure of his arrived she understood. The wretch name this morning, I thought it had left her to get her luggage on looked fishy. I suppose he's took board as best she could. The porteur another?"

She nodded.

and I'll do anything I can."

"Oh, I cannot tell you how grate- without corer ful I shall be!" poor Gertrude ex- This she could not would have done claimed. "Would you mind waiting without hesitation had it been possihere till I get my luggage through ble; but her box was an unwieldy the custom house? And will you send one —lifting it was out of the quesfor me at once if he comes or sends tion-and she found when she tried a messenger?"

confident response; and away she dilemma. The people were all hurrywent, returning in a very short time ing on their own account, and paid with a porter carrying her box and no heed to her; or, if they happened

he said. "Oh. no, I can't," she replied, re-

membering the captain. "It's the captain's orders," he ex-

plained. "I've told him." "Oh, I hope you did not tell that

dreadful man?" "Not such a dreadful man dressed girl, alone and unattended, neither," he answered, slightly made them suspicious, and her evi-"You don't know the cap- dent need of help caused them to huffed. tain. He's all bark but no bite, I stand aloof. tell you."

Just then the captain himself ap-

peared. "You've been six hours loitering about that quay alone, and in mists had cleared away. The sun trouble," he roared at her, "and had nothing to do all the time but to come on board and be among friends. It's just your bad temper that stands ing in St. Malo began to appear and in your way. How do you expect to pass-the ladies in fresh toilets, the get on in the world at this rate? It's men with sun umbrellas, light cloth- childish, that's what it is, and your ing, and blue glasses to keep off the little face"-waxing angrier-"is as pinched as if you'd been in want. And likely enough that's it," he luggage since she left her own added, in a milder tone, as if pleased steamer, but seeing a trunk carried by his own sagacity. "I'll stake my past that somewhat resembled her mother's love you've not had a mor-

Gertrude looked up at him with a wan little smile; something in the at a moment's notice. But how tone of his last remark had caused should she manage it? She could all that was repulsive in his loudness not leave her post, and if she sent and lanky grimness to disappear, a messenger he would not know her making plain to her a man ashamed things; besides, whom could she of his own kind nature and always The douane was close by. at war with it, to hide it. She fol-She might perhaps get some one to lowed him to the saloon quite conwatch for her, with orders to come tentedly, and he ordered breakfast and fetch her if her husband or his for her, scolding all the time till at messenger should arrive. It would last she said, "It is no use pretending take a little time to collect his things to be cross. I see you have the kind--he seemed to have more than the est heart on earth. You can never bag now-and get them off the ship; hide it again from me." His mouth he would not come and go in a mo- relaxed a little at that, and his kind ment. But no; it would be a risk, eyes twinkled. He sat down on the and if she had to travel over Europe other side of the narrow table, and till the dress she stood in dropped after an explosion or two at the steward, and at Gertrude's small appetite, lowered his tone, and listened

> She waited comfortably on deck under an awning till about 4 o'clock worrying disposition; her mind was strong and placid naturally, and she was accordingly able to make the most, by resting from all thought of precious interval of quiet. She had only to wait now; there was nothing else to be done, and she recognized that fact and waited calmly, gathering fresh strength the while for what might yet be in store for her. This appetite less, so that small quantities blessed renewal of strength in exhausting emergencies is the reward of patience. We should bear up betmatter of habit, and forced ourselves ables." But mademoiselle must parto be serene. Gertrude was almost don her. What did young ladies able to amuse herself as she sat know of misery? Doubtless madethere, watching the porteurs toiling moiselle had all that heart could dein the heat, and interested in the sire. And the old woman looked at appeared and passed, or loitered out of her big brown eyes that had looking at the ships.

But at last the messenger arrived, a porteur from the Hotel de Bains own—the beauty and pathos of paat Dinard. Gertrude had not dared tient suffering and dead hope, wastclaimed, and the next instant he had to hope that her husband would come ing diseases of the soul which have vaulted over the bulwarks and was himself, and was therefore not dis- their grace of expression, even as himself, and was therefore not dis-appointed. The porteur said, "Mon-certain forms of bodily decay have tured, and the physicians think he The Frenchman, probably feeling sieur Sommes" had declared that he theirs. himself no match for the brawny had seen more pretty women and pink parasols since he landed in Brittany for, certainly," Gertrude answered, that morning than it had been his sady. "But I have my troubles, too, that morning than it had been his sady. "But I have my troubles, too, luck to encounter anywhere else in ma mere," and then she talked of her like the months, and have minutes anywhere else in ma mere," and then she talked of her like the months and have minutes and have minute "Well, yes, I guess he was," the six months, and he meant to stay recent trials till the old woman for-

"Well, yes, I guess he was," the young man answered complacently, well pleased with his own prowess, and not inclined to cheapen it by of the most fastidiously refined of serge gown just down to her ankles, men, so far forget not only her but and neat, strong shoes with knitted himself as to speak in that common stockings. When they parted Gerway.

Her luggage was given to another swered, with the familiar gaucherie porteur, and after taking leave of handsome gold cross, which the old her kind friends on the steamer, with sincere expressions of gratitude, and the captain's name and address written in a savage hand on a huge piece of paper, as if the size of the writing and the sheet were intended to represent the extent of his anxiety to hear of her welfare, she departed-not, however, without a last blowing-up, the worst she had had, the trouble being that there was no carriage to it brought up from the steamer when be had to take her round the corner to the other landing stage, where the sent for.

for Dinard. It was with a light step and a great sense of relief that she followed the of seeing her husband again made his mind. He imagines he is some- she might not touch him, would be body else, and he went away from new life to her. And it would not be home suddenly, and I have followed long now, she thought, looking him, and hope to be able to bring across the strip of water to Dinardhim back without publicity. He is ten or twenty minutes at the most. a London barrister, and it would do the quay and demanded payment. him harm in his profession if it got The captain had thoughtfully promade a judge, you know, and now otherwise she would have found herious to keep this quiet. Oh, if you and he was off at once. The people near her on the quay looked at each

"I'm your man," he asserted, other and grinned-she wondered from the Hotel des Bains, who had charge of her husband's luggage, that blaze! Don't you see that's the "Well, I'm off duty till midnight, went on board as soon at the little" steamer arrived, also leaving her to shift for herself. that she could not drag it, either. "All right, never fear," was the She looked around for help in her to have arranged their own affairs The young officer met her at the and had leisure to observe her, it was gangway. "You must come on board," without sympathy, and she dared not ask for help. It was her first experience of the world in all its hardness and cruelty. The people about her professed in church to be her brothers and sisters and to love her

She began to despair. "What shall tablishment for dogs.

as themselves, and yet her forlorn

position at the moment, a well

natured looking, fat old bourgeois going on board at the moment caught the exclamation, understanding the exclamation, understanding the tone rather than the words, and seeing her ofix, suggested "Ces garcons la," and passed on. She looked in the direction he had indicated with a backward toss of his head and a shrug, and saw two lads lounging by with their hands in their pockets. She ran after them and brought them back with her. They carried her box on board in a twinkling, and then returning, placed themselves so that she could not pass them to get on board and demanding a franc apiece for their trouble. There was nothing for it but to pay them. She ought of course to have followed her box on board, but a number of people, late for the steamer, had come hurrying up at the moment, and she had timidly hung back to avoid the crush. She made a frantic dive for her pocket now, but as usual in these days it was not to be found, the way of modern dressmakers being to consult their own convenience in the arrangement of the drapery rather than the comfort of their clients. Nearly a minute was lost in this exasperating search, but at last she succeeded in getting out her purse, and having satisfied the young ruffians, turned to go on board the steamer, only to find, however, that the gangway was up and it was too far from the wharf already for her even to jump the distance. She fairly stamped with rage, and then felt inclined to laugh at her own vehemence. For, after all, as an old apple woman at a stall close by informed her, it was only a matter of half an hour, or an hour at most, till the boat returned, and it was no great hardship waiting there on a warm afternoon, with the sapphire sea sparkling at her feet; Dinard, with its green cliffs and white houses rising picturesquely from the water's edge, just opposite, and St. Servan on her left-all glowing in the afternoon sunlight. Recovering herself at once, she sat down beside the old apple woman and began to talk. The old woman complimented her on her French, abused the young voluers who had done her such an ill turn, and then began to talk of her own hard life and the struggle it was since she had lost her own good man to keep body and soul together. It was not so bad at that time of the year, of course, for the heat was comfort in itself, and then it made the of food sufficed, and hunger did not gnaw; but in the winter, when it froze, ah!-with an expressive catching of the breath and hugging of her-

I do?" she exclaimed aloud. A, good-

"I have a great deal to be thankful trude made her rich with half a sovereign, and happy for life with a woman at first refused, but afterward

once no doubt been brilliant, and still

possessed a certain beauty of their

accepted when Gertrude demanded in return for it a daily prayer. Gertrude began to feel tired as she climbed up the steep street from the landing stage at Dinard into the town. Fortunately the Hotel des Baines was close by, and there she found her luggage, the porteur having consulted the interests of the house by ordering he arrived with what he had been

Gertrude noticed a noisy party of gentlemen clambering up on coachand-four, evidently a somewhat ramshackle public conveyance, which was drawn upon the road just beyond the hotel, and after she entered she heard it rattling off.

To be Continued.

Don't Put Out the Light.

In a little town in Northern Pennsylvania there is a fire department in which the citizens take great pride, composed, as it is, wholly of volun-

Late in April a fire broke out at midnight. When the department and Italy. came upon the scene only one lantern could be found. The smoke was pouring out of the building, but no flames appeared, and it was very dark.

Finally, a tongue of flame shot out nozzle directed a stream of water toward it. At this crisis, the excited

captain shouted: "Hey, there, Bill! Be careful what you do! Keep the water of only light we've got to put out the fire by?"-Harper's Weekly.

Grave of the Tichborne Claimant.

While the subject of claimants of titles and the estates that go with them is in the air it is interesting to note that in Paddington Cemetery Willesden lane, lies the body of Ar thur Orton, who claimed to be Si: Roger Tichborne.

On his coffin he was described as such, but his miniature tombstone bears merely one line, and that reads 'No. 1472." Orton, after serving many years' imprisonment, appeared on "the hails," and died in Star reet, off Edgware road. - London obe.

Care of Submarine Cables.

Fifty fine vessels are constantly employed in laying and repairing the submarine cables of the world.

Dresden has a public bathing es

## LATEST NEWS

BY WIRE.

Moonshiners Escape Revenue Men. Harrisonburg, Va.—After raiding and destroying a moonshine brandy distillery in Page County and allowing the operators to escape, Deputy Collector A. A. Lewis returned here. Since the recent passage of stringent laws governing distilleries, revenue officers declare, there are more illicit any time during the past twenty-five

Dr. Shirley Bragg Kills Himself.

Montgomery, Ala. — Dr. Shirley Bragg, State jail inspector and a nephew of General Braxton Bragg. shot and killed himself. It is not known if the shooting was intention-al or accidental. He was fifty-five

Killed by Hiccoughs.

Cumberland, Md. - Charles Vanmeter, aged twenty-four, who was re-covering from typhoid fever, died in Cresaptown following four days of

Record Barge Load of Wheat.

Gets W. C. T. U. Convention.

Milwaukee. — The steam barge Adam Cornelius left Milwaukee for Buffalo with a cargo of 270,750 bushels of wheat. This is the largest boatload of grain in one consignment to leave Milwaukee in the history of navigation on the great lakes.

Denver, Col.-The executive council

of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union decided to hold next year's convention in Omaha,

Doctor Dropped Dead. Spokane, Wash. — Apparently in good health, and in the act of making medical examination, Dr. Edwin E. Hutchins dropped dead from heart failure beside the operating table in his office. The patient who was on the operating table rushed out and summoned a druggist, but the physi-

cian was dead.

Head Cut Off by Wire. Cleveland, Ohio .- Erick Els was decapitated at the American Steel and Wire Company mills. Els was a wire drawer. While drawing the red-hot wire it broke. The end struck him about the neck and the wire, released from the tension, suddenly coiled about his neck. His neck was burned through in a few seconds by the hot wire, completely severing his head from the body.

Diaz Not to Retire.

Mexico City.—President Diaz says in an open letter regarding his rumored retirement at the close of his present term in 1910 that the reports are unfounded. He intimates that ho will again be a candidate.

Champion Cow Puncher Killed. Fort Worth, Texas .- H. "Bruce" Norton, of Quanah, Texas, champion "bronco buster", of the world, was found unconscious in the street here, and was taken to the Medical College Hospital, where he died on the operwas sandbagged.

Banana Kills Twin Boys.

Lockhart, Miss.—Frank and Fred found the banana. The boys drew lots for it and Frank won, but he shared it with the others. The little girls, it appears, did not get any of the decayed portion.

## BY CABLE.

Gold, Tin, Copper in Congo. Brussels.-Reports received from R. D. Mohun, leader of the American expedition in the Congo, state that he has discovered rich deposits of gold, tin and copper in the Manyema district.

Wants Female Army.

Paris,-Dr. Madeline Pelletier, one of the leaders of the French women's political movement, is heading a petition to Parliament to pass a law enabling women to do military service. It will teach them the necessity for violence, in which alone their victory lies. Gymnastics and marching will do them good .-

Bulgaria Compensates Turkey.

Sofia, Bulgaria.-The decision of Bulgaria to disband its reserves and make a financial compensation to Turkey was brought about by the presentation of what was practically an ultimatum to the Parliament by Great Britain, France and Russia, which were supported by Germany

Honor General Lee in China.

Amoy, China .- In 1898 a slip of ivy from General Lee's grave was planted in the grounds of the Amoy Club, and recently a bronze tablet was set in an adjacent rock by Amerof one corner of the structure, and ican residents of Amoy. The tablet the crowd cheered as the man at the is inscribed: "This ivy was taken from the grave of General Robert E. Lee and planted by Vice-Consul Carrington in 1898.

Boycott Leaders Greet Fleet.

Shanghai, China.—The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, of Shanghai, has sent a message to Admiral Sperry welcoming the American fleet to China. The chamber led the boycott against American goods three years

Greece May Get Crete.

Canea, Crete.-The four Powers protecting this island have notified the Cretan Government that they are willing to consider the demand for the annexation of the island to King Alfonso Unveils Monument.

Saragossa, Spain.-King Alfonso unveiled a monument to the defenders of Saragossa in 1808. He was warmly greeted by the populace.

Jap Admiral Dead. Tokio, Japan .- Baron Yamamoto, one of Japan's leading admirals in the Russo-Japanese War, died here.

Polish Private Schools Closed.

Warsaw, Poland .- All the private Polish schools have been closed by the governors in retaliation for the attacks on Russian university stu-

## The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COM-MENTS FOR NOVEMBER 29.

Subject: World's Temperance Sunday, Isaiah 28:1-13-Golden Text, 1 Cor. 9:27-Commit Verse 11-Commentary.

TIME .- 725 B. C. PLACE .- Jeru-EXPOSITION .-- I. The Destruc-

tion of the Drunkards of Ephraim, 1. 4. By "the crown of pride" is meant the city of Samaria (see R. V. and cf. 1 K. 16:24). It is here compared to a chaplet of flowers on a drunkard's brow (R. V.). This chaplet of flowers, says Isaiah, "shall be trodden under foot," because of their sin and pride. The people of the northern kingdom as a nation are spoken of as "the drunkards of Ephraim." Drunkenness seems to have been so widespread as to have become a national sin (cf. ch. 5:11, 12; Hos. 7:5; Am. 2:6, 8, 12; 4:1; 6:6). The effect of their drink upon them was that they were "overcome" (literally, "smitten down") by it. Let us not forget that it was "the native wines of a wine-growing district" that did this for Ephraim, and fiot distilled spirits nor adulterated poisons. Their "chaplet of pride" and "glorious beauty" was after all but a "fading flower." So it is with every chaplet of earthly pride and all the "glorious beauty" of this present world (1 Pet. 1:24). The prophet's answer to Israel's confi-dence is, their crown of pride was that Jehovah had "a mighty and strong one." This "mighty and strong one" was the king of Assyria (2 K. 18:10-12). The Assyrians themselves were a "bloody," deceitful and rapacious people (Nah. 3:1), but they were an instrument in Jehovah's hand for fulfilling His word and bringing judgment upon His backsliding people (cf. Ps. 76:10). The coming of the Assyrian is described by a threefold figure: "a tempest of hail," "a destroying storm," "a tempest of mighty waters overflowing." The thought contained in these figures is that of widespread and over-whelming destruction (cf. ch. 8:7, 8). Back of all this work of devastation, destruction and desolation was the wrath of God at sin (2:4-9). This destruction, etc., all came upon them "because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah, their God" (2 K. 18:11,

12). Jesus uses a similar figure regarding those who hear His words and do them not (Matt. 7:26, 27). II. Jehovah of Hosts For a Cr own of Glory, 5, 6. In the midst of the awful desolation of his own time, when every crown of pride and all glorious beauty is a fading flower, the prophet looks forward to "that day" (the day of the Lord's Return and manifestation). So in the midst of present sin and judgment for sin we should look forward (for comfort in our hearts and encouragement fort in our hearts and encouragement in our work) to our Lord's coming again (Tit. 2:13; 2 Pet. 3:12-14, R. V.). "In that day" "a crown of glory" will take the place of "the crown of pride," and "a diadem of beauty" the place of "the fading flower of his glorious beauty."

III. Erring Through Strong Prink, 7, 80

the Way Through Strong Drink, 7, 8: "These also" (the people of Jerusa-lem), as well as Ephraim, "have erred through wine and through strong drink are out of the way." The prevailing sin of drunkenness had reached even God's representa tives, "the priest and the prophet" (cf. ch. 56:10-12; Mic. 2:11). The priests were especially inexcusable because of the plain directions of God's word (Lev. 10:9, 10; Ez. 44:21). They were reeling through. strong drink, they were swallowed up of wine, they were gone astray through strong drink (see R. V., Marg.). The result was, they utterly failed in their official acts. They reeled in vision and stumbled in judgment. Wine and strong drink confuse the spiritual perceptions and rob men of judgment. The religious teacher who indulges in them is especially culpable and utterly incapacitated for his holy office. The use of wine and strong drink made their social gathering filthy and disgusting.

IV. Now God Teaches Those Who Will Not Hearken to His Word, 9-13. Verses 9 and 10 may be taken as giving us the mocking answer of the people to God's prophet. If we take them this way the people are represented as saying, "Whom will he teach knowledge, etc.? Does he take us for bables just weaned? It is precept upon precept, etc." If the prophet himself is the speaker, then Jehovah is represented as teaching knowledge to babes and not to the self-sufficient (of Matt. 11:25: 2::15. 16: Mk. (cf. Matt. 11:25; 21:15, 16; Mk. 10:15). These are the ones whom He "makes to understand the message" (R. V.). And the method of His teaching is "precept upon precept" (cf. Neh. 9:29, 30; 2 Chr. 36:15; Jer. 11:7). As they had not listened to Jehovah speaking through His prophets He will now speak to them through foreign conquerors (v. 11, R. V.; cf. Deut. 28:47-49). If we will not hear God's loving and patient call to repentance He will speak to us through cruel enemies. God had called them to "rest." They would not hear that call; so He now sent them conflict and destruction. He calls us also to "rest" (Matt. 11:28, 29). If we will not hear that call He will send us destruction (2 Thess. 1:7-9). The whole secret of their trouble (and of every man's trouble to-day) was that they would not listen to God's word.

Brings Relics From Africa.

Dr. George A. Dorsey, a graduate of Denison College and son of Squire Dorsey, of Granville, Ohio, who set out several months ago to secure archaeological specimens in Africa, has written to his father that he has been successful, having secured more than 1000 specimens during the month of July alone. He spent some time in Egypt, India, Ceylon and

Cremated in His Home.

Stoddard Langyher, a well known citizen of Manassas, Va., was burned to death in a fire which completely destroyed his home. Mr. Langyher discovered the house to be on first and aroused all the members of the family in time to leave the building without harm. He, however, returned to the house for some important pa-pers and the building fell in before he could escape. Mr. Langyher leaves a wife and several children.

Hungary Builds Railroads.

Hungary next year will spend 163,-000,000 crowns on investments, sixty-six and a half being required for 1904 the State railways.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Twenty Reasons For Opposing the Salcon-A Score Multiplied by a Score Might Ec Added to the List Without Much Effort.

1. It never builds up manhood, but tears it down. 2. It never beautifies the home,

but often wrecks it. 3. It never increases one's usefulness, but lessens it. 4. It never allays the passions, but

inflames them. 5. It never stills the tongue of slander, but loosens it.
6. It never promote purity of thought, but poisons it.

 It never empties almshouses and prisons, but fills them. 8. It never protects the ballot box, but defiles it.

9. It never makes happy families, but miserable ones. 10. It never prompts to right doing in anything, but to wrong.

11. It never prepares one for

11. It never prepares one for heaven, but for hell.

12. It never diminishes taxes (with all its revenue), but increases It never renders the Sabbath

13. quiet, but desecrates it. 14. It never protects our property nor personal safety, but endangers them.

15. It never helps one to get a good insurance policy on his life, but militates against it. 16. It never creates ambition and

thrift, but invites laziness, profigacy, poverty, idleness and crime 17. It never builds up the church but péoples the station houses, prisons and chain gangs.

18. It never refines character nor promotes Christian grace, but is a destroyer of the soul. 19. It never teaches honesty and uprightness, but invites the incen-

diary to apply the midnight torch. 20. It never protects a man, but robs him of his money, his family happiness, his good name, his hopes and all endearments of life.-Free Methodist.

What He Might Have Drunk. A well known preacher riding in a London omnibus was entertained by a dialogue which was sustained upon the one side by the driver and upon the other by an elderly passenger. "I understand you're temperance?"

began the driver. 'Yes, I'm pretty strong against liquor," returned the other. "I've been set against it now for thirty-five

"Scared it will ruin your health?" "Yes, but that isn't the main thing?" "Perhaps it don't agree with you?"

ventured the driver. "Well, it really don't agree with anybody. But that ain't it, either. The thing that sets me against it is a horrible idea."

"A horrible idea! What is it?"
"Well, thirty-five years ago I was sitting in a hotel in America with a friend of mine. and I says, 'Let's or-der a bottle of something.' And he says, 'No. sir. I'm saving my money to buy Government land at 7s. and 6d. per acre. I'm going to buy tomorrow, and you'd better let me take the money you would have spent for the liquor and buy a couple of acres along with mine. I says, 'All right.' So we didn't drink, and he bought me

"Well, sir, to-day those two acres are right in the middle of a flourishing town, and if I'd taken that drink I'd have swallowed a city block, a re an anothecart's, four lawyer's offices, and it's hard to say what else. That's the idea. Ain't i

Surely Not, Manitoba! When the prohibition law of Georgia was signed by the Governor a great crowd of Georgians gathered to celebrate the event, and when the word was passed that the act was law the whole multitude sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." When the Chinese law prohibiting opium came into force Canton that vast city put on festive apparel, and the people followed bands of music through the streets, as though they had been celebrating a Waterloo. When people know so well the nature of their enemies, why do they in any country submit to seeing their land occupied and dominated by them? The people of Manitoba, who are by considerable majority op-posed to the sale of liquor within their borders, are, according to the vaunts of the distillers, going to allow themselves to be danced on by a triumphant foe .- Montreal Witness.

The Saloon Dragon. The red saloon dragon stalks boldly, arrogantly, defiantly and insolently throughout the land, entrenched behind and protected by, not the law but legislative enactments in the guise and garb of the law. All the affirmations that such enactments are the law will never settle the question that way. They will but deepen and intensify the opposition to the iniquitous curse until it shall be swept from the face of the earth, and then the saloon question will be settled, because it will be rightly decided.

Answer This!

Would you like to have a saloon next door to your home? If not, would you not enjoy all you can to have it as far away from your neighbor's house as your own? Do not forget that we are taught in Holy Writ, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This idea, carried to its logical conclusion, means entire prohibition.

Temperance Notes.

The liquor traffic can never be legalized without sinners, and sinners ought to be called to repentancenot "co-operated" with.

In every State in the South the saloon has demonstrated that it will rule the people if let alone, and the general desire to abolish the saloon resulted. One of the prominent liquor papers

in a recent editorial published the statement that temperance measures were pending in twenty-three State Lgislatures.

Nine-tenths of our poverty, squalor, vice and crime spring from this poisonous tap-root. Society, by its habits, customs and laws, has greased the slope down which these poor creaslide to perdition.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army. The great cause of social crime is

drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up and ask the cause-drink. If I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause, the answer-drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, Why do not men put a stop to this thing?-Archbishop John Ire-

## THOUGHTS FOR THE THE NOONTIDE HOUR.

[The Fulton Street Prayer Meeting, New York.].

There was prayer in the early morning,
Ere they went on their toilsoms way,
And prayer in the quiet evening
At the close of the weary day.
But what of the busy noontide,
When the whirl and the rush were one;
What time was there that a man could

spare To commune with the Holy One?

And yet there was need incessant, And yet there was need incessant.
For hearts that would gladly seek.
For strength to bear life's toil and care,
Oft found they were growing weak.
But one who was toiling for others.
Whose life was o'erflowing with care,
Had faith to try, as the days passed by,
The balm of the noontide prayer.

As they gathered there in that quiet rooms What an uplift came to all!

The Master was near in that atmosphere And the blessing seemed to fall.

They sought for the needed strength to bear.

And they sought it not in vain.

Oh, there was power in that noontide

hour, To help in the fearful strain.

And messages came from all over the land.
Asking prayer for the wandering ones.
Oh. pray for our daughters gone astray.
"Oh. pray for our wayward sons."
And the Father who hears the prayer of

faith Has honored His children well; And the answers to prayer that were given there, Eternity only will tell.

Oh, who can count the joys that have In the fifty years now flown.
The strength that was given, the fore tastes of Heaven.
In that noontide hour alone?

And who can measure the power for good,
Or the influence pure and sweet.
Of the voice of prayer that has risen there
In the heart of that busy street?
—Mrs. Mary B. Wingate, in the Christian
Herald.

Christ's Power to Forgive Sins. "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins." There is a familiar legend which relates that there once stood in an old baronist castle a musical instrument upon which nobody could play. It was complicated in its mechanism, and during years of disuse the dust had gathered and clogged it, while dampness and variations of temperature had robbed the strings of their tone. Various experts had tried to repair it, but without success, and when the hand of a player swept over the chords it awoke only harsh discords and unlovely sounds. But there came one day to the castle a man of another sort. · He was the maker of the instrument, and saw what was needed for its repair, and with loving care and special skill he freed the wires from the encumbering dust and adjusted those that were awry and brought the jangling strings into tune, and then the hall resounded with the strains of the most exquisite

music: It is but a legend, but the meaning is plain. These souls of ours are harps that hang dust-covered and discordant, disordered by sin, while yet the Master's hands have not found them. Everything is in confusion and at cross purposes. It is only when, and not until, their Divine Maker comes and undertakes the task of repair and readjustment than they can be set right and made capable of the harmonies for which they were originally created. Men weary themselves in vain with their various ext pedients for securing peace of mind and the sense of freedom from guilt. Only Christ, our Divine Maker and Master, can repair the disord strument. He, and He alone, has power on earth to forgive sins .- Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.

Manners of the Meek.

"Thy gentleness hath made me was the testimony as well as great." the experience of the Psalmist. Manners having their source in a holy heart are more gracious and abiding than any that are "taught" in the schools of culture and learning. The gracious manners of a really humble soul are as natural as breathing, and have not to be studied; but the man-ners of "society" are generally subject to the will, and "put on" for the occasion. O, praise the Lord, "Love behaveth not itself unseemly;" it has no "superiority" in it, but is gentle and kind. Jesus, Himself the greatest teacher of the "inward principle," said, "Come, learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." The Church of Jesus Christ is the greatest "school of manners" in the world and Christian men and women ought to be the "elite" of the land. Friends, let us practice a little more.—R. P.

"Through a Glass Darkly."

in the Nazarene Messenger.

We must be content while here to "see as through a glass darkly," to know of things in part," not in their fullness; but when the day breaks, and the shadows in which we now walk shall flee away, then we shall see clearly, and know more perfectly. There shall be no mysteries in that world to come. There we shall see clearly, and shall "know even as we are known." Let us pray, then, for the increase of our knowledge. faith, rather than our knowledge. Let us seek that grace which shall strengthen faith through such measures of light as may be needed by We are not called to the exercise of a blind, unreasoning faith. Though we do not know fully, yet we do "know in part," and sufficient for in-telligent guidance, the facts stand out the same, clear and indisputable, to the acceptance of our faith .-Christian Work and Evangelist.

The Sheet-Anchor.

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor to your liberties. Write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."-Ulysses S. Grant.

It's hard slaking the soul's thirst in the salt waters of sinful amuse-

Not a Quencher.

meut. Fell Into the Wine Vat.

At Santa Rosa, Cal., Mrs. George Colier, wife of a rancher of Occident-al, was drowned in a vat of wine. The woman, who was visiting the winery on the Colier ranch, climbed to the edge of a large vat, partly filled with wine, lost her balance and fell in.

Worcester Sends Gifts to Worcester. The City Council, of Worcester, England, has decided to present to the city of Worcester, Mass., two sels of armor, relics of the Battle of Worcester, which was fought in 1651.